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Photo by Airmen 1st Class Christina Ponte

D-M gets ready to deploy

Staff Sgt. Nikesha Perryman from the 355th Wing performs the low crawl technique at "Roadrunner City," an exercise area here, as part of the Wing Ready to Deploy training class. The class is provided to Airmen preparing for an upcoming deployment. For more information on the Ready to Deploy training class, see **R2D2 prepares D-M Airmen for deployment, Page 15.**

Volunteers earn awards at banquet

By Staff Sgt. Troy Hawkes
355th Wing Public Affairs

The 2005 Davis-Monthan Annual Volunteer Recognition Banquet was held Saturday.

"An annual volunteer recognition function is typically held during National Volunteer Week to recognize base volunteers," said Jeffrey Halstead, Davis-Monthan volunteer coordinator.

The theme of this year's banquet was "Davis-Monthan volunteers – The heart of our community."

While the majority of volunteers are retirees and dependents; some are active duty, with more expected in the future.

"Agencies can nominate any of their volunteers who they believe have excelled over the past year," Mr. Halstead said. "Although this year the nominees were largely retirees and dependents, the Airmen's Attic had Airmen as nominees. In the future we hope to expand the program to include active-duty categories for on- and off-base volunteering."

All the volunteers competed at the unit level before being nominated at the base level.

"The event recognizes volunteers from numer-

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DM-50 helps buy car seats for Davis-Monthan community

By Senior Airmen
Brandy Dupper-Macy
355th Wing Public Affairs

With the 101 Critical Days of Summer around the corner, it is especially important to ensure all safety precautions are taken when it comes to children under the age of 14 years.

According to National Center for Statistics and Analysis, vehicle crashes are the leading cause of death for children of every age from 2 to 14 years.

"With such a high number of seats being misused, we can prevent the number one cause of childhood injuries from affecting our children by providing caregivers a class to learn the correct way to use the car seats," said Peter Delillo, 355th Civil Engineer Squadron fire prevention

inspector. "Many families are using substandard secondhand seats that have had multiple recalls and may even be damaged. Used seats should never be purchased or traded for."

During safety week, one of the many programs offered to the community was a Child Safety Seat course developed by The National Safe Kids Campaign on how to properly install seats.

"We taught the safety seat installation class and checked to ensure their car seats were installed appropriately immediately following the class," Mr. Delillo said.

In an effort to help the Davis-Monthan community promote safety, organizations like the DM-50 donated enough money to buy new car seats to give away to individuals who attend the class.

The DM-50 group has donated

more than 60 child safety seats to base families that would benefit from this program, Mr. Delillo said.

"The DM-50 is an amazing group of individuals dedicated to helping the Davis-Monthan community," said Col. Michael Spencer, 355th Wing commander. "We truly appreciate all of their support to help this event become a true success."

The DM-50 was not the only organization that helped with the event. The Enlisted Spouses' Association donated 10 child safety seats to the program and the Officers' Spouses' Club has pledged an additional 48. In addition, Carondelet Health Network donated 400 booster seats.

The 355th Security Forces Squadron and 355th Wing safety also had a big part in getting this event organized and open to the D-M community, Mr. Delillo said. It's

been a lot of work, but in the end it has been well worth it. A lot of people can now rest assured, knowing their children are in safe car seats.

Though the event has passed, Mr. Delillo has hopes for future events. "These seats will help carry us through the year," Mr. Delillo said. "We plan on quarterly classes to ensure we get to everyone on base."

For more information on upcoming classes or to sign up for a car seat, call 228-4333.

"Every person on this installation is an important part of our D-M team," Colonel Spencer said. "Ensuring our children have car seats that are properly installed can dramatically reduce the risk of death if they were to get into an accident. I encourage people to contact the base fire department and ensure your kid's safety is up to par."



Photo by Airman 1st Class Christina Ponte

(From left to right) Brig. Gen. Craig Koziol, 55th Wing commander, Offutt Air Force Base, Neb.; Col. Michael Spencer, 355th Wing commander; Lt. Col. Matthew Yotter, 43rd Electronic Combat Squadron, commander; John Keever, Army Corps of Engineers and Roger Dussault, Rogers-Quinn Construction break ground on two operations buildings for the 41st and 43rd ECSs here.

Questions regarding BRAC results

(Editor's Note: While D-M was not on the Base Realignment and Closure list released May 13, the following general questions about the BRAC process are common concerns amongst active-duty members, reservists and retirees across the Air Force.)

Question: How will BRAC impact current operations (Iraq, Afghanistan, Global War On Terrorism)?

Answer: The Air Force draws ready and postured forces from the active Air and Space Expeditionary Force to respond to operational

needs. Any BRAC impact will be compensated by scheduling and tasking other available forces in the AEF. Longer range impacts will be resolved by reposturing forces throughout the AEFs.

Q: How will the Air Force react to force structure changes dictated by BRAC?

A: Future Total Force is a fundamental element of transformation. Comprised of two major components – a planned force structure through 2025 and new organizational constructs – FTF will create efficiencies, retain invaluable human capital, and above all, maximize the capabilities of all the Air Force components: Active Duty, Air National Guard and Air Force Reserve.

Q: What measures are being taken by the Air Force to relocate active-duty members at bases nominated/selected for closure?

A: The Air Force will not take any measures to relocate personnel until the BRAC Commission has made its final recommendations, the president has forwarded those recommendations to Congress, and Congress has reviewed the Commission's recommendations.

Q: Will military reassignments be frozen at installations nominated for closure until the BRAC process is completed?

A: There are no current plans to freeze assignments to and from nominated bases. Once the final BRAC list is finalized and the timeline for closure of the accepted bases is established, the assignment system will act to ensure enough personnel are on hand to complete the closure and also allow for a smooth outflow of personnel.

Q: Have you considered the impact on retirees and veterans if you close base facilities such as commissaries and base exchanges?

A: Yes, the impact of closing facilities were a factor in the considerations. Morale and welfare are key ingredients in readiness. We would prefer not to inconvenience anyone. The process is hard, but necessary. There is no escaping the fact that we have more infrastructure than we need to support the nation's defense force in the 21st century. We must be organized and arranged as efficiently as we can be to get the highest and best use out of our defense force.

Q: Will this force structure change affect the end strength for the Air Force Reserve?

A: There will be no decrease in ARC end strength under Future Total Force structure changes.

Supporting each other and working together to provide the best programs and services is a goal for all D-M people. Comments, concerns and kudos are important to make improvements. The best way to pass along a comment or to get an answer to a concern is to contact the agency chief or functional managers listed here. Another options is the Commander's Corner phone line at 228-4747. An e-mail can also be sent to: 355thWingCommandersCorner@dm.af.mil. Callers must leave their name, phone number and a message. They will receive a prompt reply in writing or by telephone. If a concern is of general interest to the base populace, the response may be published in the *Desert Airman*.

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Photo by Airman 1st Class Clark Staehle

Team D-M Mission Spotlight

The 355th Mission Support Squadron provides world-class human resources management, family support and professional and academic educational opportunities to over 7,000 Airmen and their families; 1,300 civilians and 25,000 retired members in the southern Arizona area.

Additionally, they provide Davis-Monthan with peace-time customer service, exceptional war-time combat support through technical expertise, unsurpassed professionalism and a commitment to serving D-M's personnel and their families.

Staff Sgt. Nikole Tipton, 355th Mission Support Squadron, files assignments for orderly room distribution at D-M's military personnel flight.



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What happens now?

Recommendations made, effect on D-M

By 2nd Lt Beth Tucker
355th Wing Public Affairs

A 28-page document was released early May 13 with the recommendations from the Department of Defense's top leaders on which bases the military should close or realign to better meet the needs of today's warfighter.

"Davis-Monthan was not on the proposed list of closures or realignments," said Col. Michael Spencer, 355th Wing commander. "However, I am committed to supporting our military counterparts across the state during their times of adjustment."

The counterparts mentioned by Colonel Spencer include the recommended closure of the Air Force Research Lab in Mesa, Ariz. and the Allen Hall Armed Forces Reserve Center in Tucson. The two other major installations in Arizona, Fort Huachuca, south of Tucson in Sierra Vista, and Luke Air Force Base, in Phoenix, have both been recommended for realignment. In total, the recommendations to military installations in Arizona may equal changes for about 550 people.

"The message being sent about the bases being closed or realigned isn't that the people and the missions are not worth as much as those that are not effected," said Col. Michael Isherwood, 355th Wing vice commander. "The clear message throughout this process is that there are better ways in

which to position ourselves to train better together in order to fight better together as a joint team."

The process to make the recommendations was not a quick decision. It started in November of 2002 in preparation for the recommendations, and eventually the final decisions are expected to be cleared by the BRAC Commission, the President and Congress by November.

Changes won't be made over night once the final decisions have been approved.

According to the BRAC process, changes are to be initiated no later than two years from the final approval by Congress and completed within six years.

While D-M was not on the recommended list, Desert Lightning members may still have questions about the process or the decisions made. For personnel related questions, a 24-hour hotline has been established. Call 1-800-616-3775 or visit www.afpc.af.mil for personnel related questions. For more information about the general BRAC process, visit www.defenseslink.mil/brac.

"The decision to not make any changes to Davis-Monthan was made carefully by the Secretary of Defense," Colonel Spencer said. "I look forward to strengthening an already incredibly strong relationship with the Tucson Community and Southern Arizona."

News Notes

Housing office closure

The housing office will be closed May 27 due to Air Combat Command's family day. For emergencies, call housing maintenance at 228-8600.

Parking lot at Inn to close

Reconstruction of the parking lot in front of the Davis-Monthan Air Force Inns Lodging Facility, Building 2350, will begin May 31. For more information, contact the Davis-Monthan Inn's Lodging Facility Office at 228-1500.

Home buying workshop

The Housing Office is sponsoring a Home Buying Workshop June 7 from 8 to 11 a.m. Mortgage, real estate and title company representatives will be discussing the home buying process. The mortgage company will also be discussing a program only for the first-time home buyers that help middle to lower income households. For reservations to the event, call Tina West at 228-5548.

Overseas assignment listing

The Enlisted Quarterly Assignment Listing for overseas requirements for the January to March 2006 cycle is now available online. Preferences must be updated by today. To view the listing, visit the Air Force Personnel Center Web site at <https://afas.afpc.randolph.af.mil/amsweb/master.cfm>.

Claims for or against estate

Any person or persons having claims for or against the estate of Senior Airman Ryan K. Blalock, deceased, assigned to 563rd Maintenance Squadron, should contact 1st Lt. Shaun M. McGowan, the Summary Court Officer, at 228-2136.

Motorcycle wear reminder

As a reminder for all individuals who ride motorcycles, once the motorcycle is dismounted, the motorcyclist must be in proper military uniform. All riding gear must be taken off to include motorcycle jacket, helmet, riding gloves and vest.

For more information, contact the 355th Mission Support Squadron customer service at 228-4425.

Congratulations Davis-Monthan major selectees



Congratulations to the following captains from Davis-Monthan Air Force Base who were selected for promotion to major:

41st Electronic Combat Squadron: Kevin Smoot and Brandon Stadel; **43rd Electronic Combat Squadron:** Jeffrey Frantz; **55th Electronic Combat Group:** Justin Carroll and Eduardo Defendini; **55th Rescue Squadron:** Carlos Brown and William Cowherd; **56th Operations Group:** Thomas Obrhochta, Julian Pacheco and Weston Wilkinson; **79th Rescue Squadron:** Roark Endlich; **354th Fighter Squadron:** Johnny Hamilton, Andrew McWhorter, Steven Raspet, James Roy, III, Neal Sheeran, Michael Uffelman, Peter Vitt and Chris Zentner; **355th Component Maintenance Squadron:** Anthony Rivera; **355th Mission Support Squadron:** David May; **355th Op-**

erations Group: Mark Malan and Brian Wigton; **355th Operation Support Squadron:** Timothy Garretson and Brian Savage, Jr.; **355th Wing:** Bryan Huffman; **355th Training Squadron:** Aristotle Rabanal and James Vap; **357th Fighter Squadron:** Clinton Eichelberger and Brian Willits; **358th Fighter Squadron:** John Bissell, Patrick Boland, Donald Macleod III, Alan McCracken, Mark McKamey and Scott Twesme; **612th Air Operations Group:** Brian Collord; **612th Information Warfare Squadron:** Kelly Burt; **612th Combat Operations Squadron:** Raymundo Estrada, Jr.; **612th Combat Plans Squadron:** Brian Baude; **612th Air Support Squadron:** Allen Geisler, Cassie Gorr, Donald Gregson and Donald Vazquez; **755th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron:** Elizabeth Clay; **755th Operation Support Squadron:** James Brassell and Matthew Jamison; **Aerospace Maintenance and Regeneration Center:** Alice La Mere and Ft. Huachuca: Frederick Sapp.

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Airmen were saved from the consequences of driving under the influence by the Airmen Against Drunk Driving Program since Dec. 31.

Call AADD at
850-2233

Friday and Saturday from 11 p.m. to 4 a.m. AADD volunteers provide rides.

Terrorism history

May 24, 1984, Philippine constabulary chief Tomas Karingal was shot by five gunmen who subsequently fled, covering their escape with smoke grenades. This attack is generally considered the inauguration of the era of urban terrorism in Manila, and coincides with the formation of the Alex Boncayao Brigade, the urban terrorist or "sparrow" unit of the Communist Party of the Philippines.

Thank you

VITA saves D-M community almost \$4M

Story and photo by
Airman 1st Class Clark Staehle
355th Wing Public Affairs

The 355th Wing Judge Advocate office hosted an awards luncheon at Davis-Monthan for Volunteer Income Tax Assistance volunteers May 13.

"VITA is the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Center here on base," said Captain Gregory Jackson, 355th Wing legal office. "It helps active-duty, family members, retirees and other eligible individuals with filing their personal income taxes."

To help show their appreciation, the 355th Wing's legal office hosted a lunch in their honor.

"(On May 13), the legal office held an appreciation luncheon for all of our VITA volunteers," Captain Jackson said. "Many of them are retirees themselves, and they do this at no cost. A free lunch is the least we can do in appreciation."

"VITA volunteers provide a critical service to D-M's Airmen and retirees," said Col. Michael Spencer, 355th Wing commander. "With VITA's help, the D-M community was able to file \$3.9 million in tax returns while providing services valued at more than \$669,000. Together, volunteers put in 5,316 hours for the 2004 tax season. Those are unbelievable numbers. The 355th



Airmen from the 355th Wing legal office hosted a luncheon May 13 for Volunteer Income Tax Assistance volunteers for their help during the tax season. The VITA volunteers were able to help the D-M community file \$3.9 million in tax returns.

Wing is proud to call VITA a part of the Desert Lightning Team."

The volunteers for VITA augment the legal office by helping them prepare taxes for the base population. Without that service, the legal office would have to process taxes for the entire base population, on top of their normal workload.

The VITA office here on base has been a tremendous help, Captain

Jackson said. Legal offices at other bases were swamped this tax season trying to help Airmen and retirees with their taxes.

Additionally, VITA provides a service free of charge that Airmen and retirees might otherwise have to pay for.

"Without VITA our military members might be forced to look to fee tax services such as H&R Block," Captain

Jackson said. "At least with VITA, they have a free alternative."

Even though tax season may have ended April 15 for most people, VITA is open year round.

"VITA is manned year-round with a skeleton crew," Captain Jackson said. "To make an appointment you should call the VITA office at 228-3489. Leave a message and you will receive a call back to set up an appointment."

If VITA cannot help you, Captain Jackson offers an alternative.

"In the unlikely event VITA can't answer your tax questions, try the Legal Office," Captain Jackson said.

But VITA's close ties with the base legal office don't stop there.

"VITA here at D-M existed before the legal office became involved," Captain Jackson said. "However, (the office of the Judge Advocate) is mandated by Air Force Instruction to operate/facilitate the VITA office. We provide volunteers if necessary, as well as logistical support."

As the 2004 tax season draws to a close for most people, the volunteers have once again proven their worth.

"Once again, VITA has proven their services to be indispensable in helping develop and nurture our Airmen," Colonel Spencer said.

The office for VITA is located in Building 4310.

Volunteer

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ous volunteer agencies on the installation including the Airman's Attic, the chapel, legal and Volunteer Income Tax Assistance, Smith Elementary School, Borman Elementary School, the services squadron, the Retiree Activities Office and the thrift shop," Mr. Halstead said. "Each agency has a first, second and third place winner. All the first place winners compete for the overall D-M winner for the year from May 2004 to April 2005."

The volunteer program at D-M continuously saves the base man-hours and money.

"The volunteer program recruits and places volunteers within D-M and Tucson agencies and publicizes the benefit of volunteering," said Ms. Heidi Meisterling, volunteer advisory committee member. "Through these efforts, this year D-M volunteers contributed over 110,000 volunteer hours, saving the base 1.8 million dollars. The success of D-M's volunteer program is reflected by the benefit it provides the base through manpower and dollars saved."

This year's D-M winner was Blanche Bonnell, a volunteer with the Enlisted Spouses' Association and the thrift shop.

"As the matron of the enlisted spouses, she is de-

pended upon to ensure procedures and policies are understood and that the historical significance of the group remains intact," said Mr. Halstead. "She is always the first to help anyone in need. She has the patience of a saint and a heart just as big."

While there is only one annual winner, every volunteer contributed and it is a group effort, according to Mr. Halstead and Ms. Meisterling.

"This event culminates a year of compassion and caring for military customers across the base," Mr. Halstead said. "Without the help of these volunteers, most of the agencies involved would struggle with manpower issues and would not be the superb organizations that they are."

"Volunteerism increases the morale of Airmen by providing them role models and future vision," said Ms. Meisterling. "I think that when an Airman sees the dedication of our volunteers at D-M, it shows them the value of volunteering and that the Air Force family extends beyond active-duty service, since many of our volunteers are retirees."

For more information about the volunteer corps, contact the Family Support Center at 228-5690.

Col. Michael Spencer, 355th Wing commander, recognizes Blanche Bonnell as Davis-Monthan's Volunteer of the Year. Mrs. Bonnell received the award for her work with the Enlisted Spouses' Association and Thrift Shop.



Photo by Airman 1st Class Christina Ponte

Base housing residents step up efforts to better D-M

By Stephanie Ritter
355th Wing Public Affairs

Tugging, pulling and plucking all unwanted weeds from between rocks and under bushes may not sound like a fun way to spend an evening. But thanks to the base Housing Office, residents who clean up their yards could get more than just the satisfaction of a job well done for their efforts.

The annual Family Housing Beautification

Week will be held Monday through May 27, said Carol Mares, 355th Civil Engineer Squadron Housing Facilities chief. "Beautification week is designed to promote family housing yard care and beautification awareness. This is an opportunity for all residents to fix-up, clean-up and spruce-up their yards and carports."

Judges will tour the various housing areas at the end of the week to determine who has the best yard. Winners will receive prizes and will have a sign posted in their yards.

According to the housing office, prizes will include items that can be retained in the home.

A few years ago, we decided we wanted to develop a different approach to getting people to clean up their yards other than just passing the monthly inspections, said Clarence Duran, 355th CES Housing Assistance chief. "This program is a united effort made by all base occupants to make their yards, and the community look better."

But Mr. Duran said Housing Beautification Week represents more than just taking out the trash.

It is a chance for people to show their pride for the installation, Mr. Duran said. "When new people come to base and see the effort their neighbors are

making, they will see that pride and will want to join in to keep the base looking nice."

Due to prohibitive cost, the City of Tucson will not conduct a bulk pick-up this year during the beautification week. However, residents are invited to take their refuse and green waste to the base Recycle Center located on Yuma Road.

In addition, housing residents may check out various yard tools, receive grass seed or just ask questions at the Home Improvement Center.

"The Home Improvement Center has yard care items such as rakes, hand edgers, leaf blowers, shovels, wheel barrows and more that residents may check out for no more than a three day period," Ms. Mares said.

The center is located on the corner of Phantom Drive and National Boulevard and is open Monday through Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and Saturday from 8 a.m. to noon.

"Although this is not a mandatory program, it is advisable for all residents to participate particularly at this time as we have just initiated a stricter yard citation program," Ms. Mares said. "If residents take this time to clean up their yards and assigned areas they will lessen the chance of receiving a citation. As in any neighborhood, when all the residents are working together, the whole neighborhood, in this case the housing area, benefits."

For more information regarding Housing Beautification week, call Ms. Mares at 228-6609.



Photo by Airman 1st Class Clark Staehle

Senior Airman Kathleen Stemmerich, 355th Mission Support Squadron, trims her rose bushes in preparation for the annual Family Housing Beautification Week scheduled for Monday through May 27.

CRIME & Punishment

The following are some of the incidents the 355th Security Forces Squadron handled from the period of April 30 through May 13.

Civil arrest

Yuma Police Department notified the Security Forces Control Center that two airmen had been arrested for driving under the influence and felony traffic violations. The driver's blood alcohol content was .086.

Patrol response: alcohol related domestic violence, damage to personal property

A staff sergeant telephoned the SFCC and reported her husband, a staff sergeant, was intoxicated and creating a disturbance within their residence. The SF investigation revealed the husband was involved in a verbal altercation with his wife, which escalated into him damaging personal property and injuring himself. Tucson Fire treated the husband for minor injuries. The SF transported the husband to the SFCC for processing and administered a blood alcohol test with the result of BAC .180. The husband was detained for further processing.

Patrol response: active-duty dependent DUI

Installation gate guards notified the SFCC they

had stopped a dependent of a master sergeant for suspected DUI. The Tucson Police Department and security forces conducted field sobriety tests on the dependent, which he failed. The subject's BAC result was .256. The TPD arrested the dependent for severe DUI and transported him to Pima County Jail.

Patrol response: child neglect

A Commissary employee notified the SFCC of two children left unattended within a vehicle parked at the Commissary. The SF investigation revealed an Army E-4 left her children within the vehicle while she was in the Commissary. The subject declined to make a statement and requested legal counsel.

Patrol response: civilian driving under the influence

Installation gate guards reported to the SFCC there was a vehicle circling the Visitor Control Center. SF investigation revealed the driver of the vehicle was possibly DUI. The TPD and SF conducted field sobriety test on the subject, which they failed. The subject's BAC registered at .181. During the search of the subject's vehicle a bag of marijuana was located. The TPD arrested the subject for DUI and narcotics possession and was transported to Pima County Jail.

Patrol response: domestic violence, assault

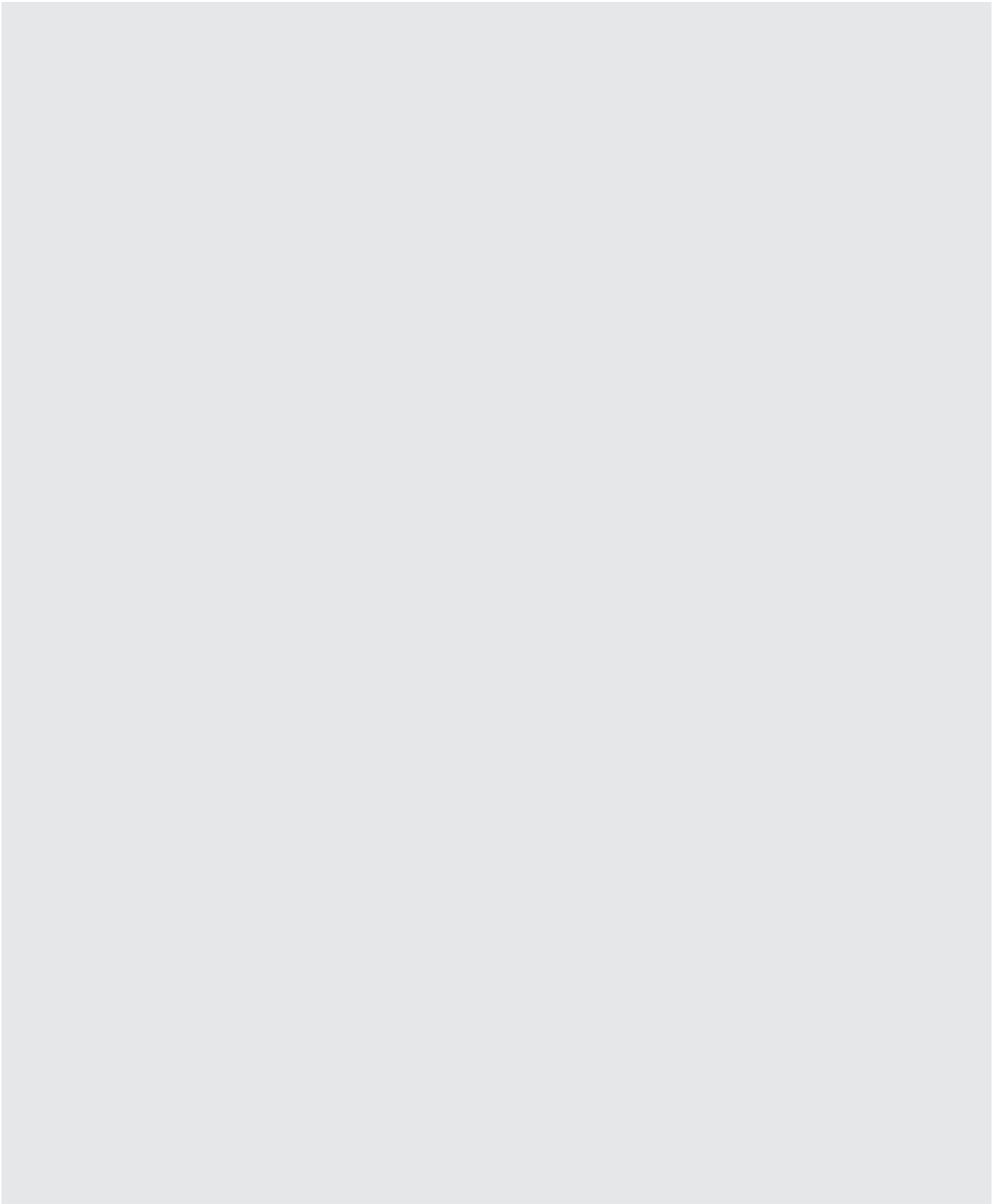
A dependent spouse of a staff sergeant telephoned the SFCC and reported a dependent spouse of an airman first class had been assaulted by her husband. The SF investigation revealed the spouse sustained injuries during an argument with her husband. Tucson Fire treated the spouse. The TPD arrested the airman first class and transported him to Pima County Jail.

Patrol response: domestic violence, assault

An anonymous caller telephoned the SFCC requesting response for a domestic assault. The SF investigation revealed an airman first class had physically assaulted his spouse. The TPD was contacted and arrested the airman first class for domestic violence/assault and transported him to Pima County Jail.

Patrol response: shoplifting

A Main Exchange Store detective notified the SFCC that they had detained a dependent of a retired master sergeant for shoplifting. Investigation revealed the dependent had attempted to remove a pair of ear rings from the Main Exchange by concealing them in her purse. The dependent was arrested by TPD and SF issued a revocation order suspending AAFES privileges.





KIRKUK REGIONAL AIR BASE, Iraq — Airman Jenna Deanda, 506th Expeditionary Civil Engineer Squadron firefighter, prepares a hose for training drills. Airman Deanda is the only female firefighter deployed to the base.

Putting out fires

Air Force firefighter shows heart, determination for work

**Story and photo by
Staff Sgt. Matthew Lohr**
506th Expeditionary Communications
Squadron

KIRKUK REGIONAL AIR BASE, Iraq — One might argue being a firefighter is a tough job for any man. But, tell that to Airman Jenna Deanda, who is the only female firefighter at Kirkuk Regional Air Base, Iraq.

"People automatically assume I work admin for the fire department and one of the hardest things I have to do is prove that I'm just as good as the guys I work with here and at my home station," said Airman Deanda, who is deployed here from Andrews Air Force Base, Md.

She said the part of her job she enjoys most is the physical and mental

challenge and the fact that every day on duty is different.

"No call is ever the same," she said.

When asked how the Airman compares to other firefighters, one of the assistant fire chiefs with the 506th Expeditionary Civil Engineer Squadron, Master Sgt. Medgar Rose, said the best way to describe it would be to give an example.

"The best example would be the search training," he said. "She proved that size and strength is not the only thing that is needed to be a good firefighter. A big heart makes up for all that. She's half the size of all the firefighters here, yet her techniques and endurance outshine the guys. She dragged the victim from the facility quicker and easier than all the rest. You can not pick a better firefighter to help on the fire ground than her."

Senior Master Sgt. Gerrodd Stevenson, 506th ECES fire chief, agrees.

"She might be small in stature; however, what she lacks in physical size, she more than makes up for through sheer heart and determination," he said. "We have an outstanding group of fire fighters here and she can hold her own against more than two thirds of them. During a recent search and rescue demonstration for our Iraqi firefighter training class, her two-person team recorded the fastest search completion time; beating five all-male teams. She really surprised everyone including myself. If I deploy again I would love to have her (and several more like her) in my department."

Airman Deanda hails from Denver, Colo., joined the military for better opportunities.

"Education is very important to me," she said "And I plan on taking advantage of the educational benefits the Air Force offers me. My goals are to become an instructor at Goodfellow Air Force Base and another major goal of mine is to obtain a college degree."

In her off-duty time while deployed she works out twice a day, makes time to call her family and after working with guys all day she enjoys just "being a girl." When asked if she took advantage of the beauty salon on base she laughed and said "No, I can do all of that myself."

Nobody here has challenged her yet.

(Editor's note: Sergeant Lohr is currently deployed from Davis-Monthan Air Force Base and is from the 355th Communications Squadron as a photographer.)

ACC releases ideas to ease budget

By Senior Airman Amy Robinson
Air Combat Command Public Affairs

Air Combat Command announced its plan to meet projected budget shortfalls and help cover costs of the Global War on Terrorism, which includes curtailing noncritical activities and cutting up to 32,000 flying hours throughout ACC.

Currently, the Air Force's fiscal 2005 projected shortfall is an estimated \$3.7 billion, with ACC being short \$825 million in must-pay funds for the Global War on Terrorism, and operation and maintenance, said Col. David Goossens, the ACC comptroller.

Although a supplemental fund was implemented to help defray some costs from the Global War on Terrorism, it does not completely cover all expenses, Colonel Goossens said.

To help reduce future costs and help repay the debt, Air Force leaders directed major commands to develop "slow-down" plans with existing funds. Air Combat Command responded with a plan to curb spending and reflow the remainder of the 2005 flying hour program, the colonel said.

Chief of Staff of the Air Force, Gen. John Jumper, approved more than \$737 million in slow-down actions for ACC, including curtailing noncritical travel and purchases of noncritical supplies, and limiting contract purchases and

"This reduction requires flexibility and teamwork. Everyone needs to focus on reducing the flying hours safely and efficiently."

Maj. Gen. Mike DeCuir,
Air Combat Command director of operations

services. Air Combat Command will also reduce facility projects, contract logistics support and depot maintenance.

Additionally, Sunday, ACC began applying the flying hour cuts, which represent up to an overall 10 percent reduction from the command's total fiscal year flying hour program. Cutting what could be up to 60 percent of the fiscal year's remaining training flight hours will absorb approximately \$272 million in GWOT debt. In reprogramming the remaining hours, ensuring combat ready forces will be a top concern.

"Our first priority is to protect AEF combat capability," said Maj. Gen. Mike DeCuir, ACC Director of Operations.

In addition to protecting AEF deployers, General DeCuir explained ACC will try to "fence" several key units from flying hour cuts including F/A-22 units, test and training units, and recruiting units like the Thunderbirds.

"Although this fence may not guarantee those units will have 100 percent of their remaining flying hours, our staff will work to ensure they can complete flying," said General DeCuir. "However, we may harvest excess hours from these programs."

Units outside the "fence" will absorb the majority of the flying hour cuts, General DeCuir said. Units are reflowing their flying hour program to meet the ACC targeted stop-flying date of Sept. 16. Units are also being urged to "cut as hard as you can while maintaining this target regime."

Even with making the flight training hour cuts, General DeCuir estimates units will still be able to preserve 60 to 80 percent of combat readiness using an orchestrated revolving "look-back" schedule.

Although cutting flying hours is challenging, the general said commanders have many options available to them.

"This reduction requires flexibility and teamwork," the general said. "Everyone needs to focus on reducing the flying hours safely and efficiently."

Attention all readers:

Desert Airman seeks UPARs to increase information covered

By 1st Lt. Darrick Lee

90th Space Wing Public Affairs

Oh, hey! It's you again. You haven't picked me up in a long time. You must be pulling late-night duty again ... because that's the only time you read me. It's OK, you can admit it. You only read the paper when you're bored on duty or stuck waiting in the medical clinic.

Don't feel bad. My feelings aren't hurt. I'm grateful any time you pick me up. One reading is better than none. But I am kind of curious. Why is it you don't read me more often? My friends in the public affairs office, who put me together each week, would like to know that too. I bet you think I'm boring.

"There's nothing good in here," you say. "It's just a bunch of officer's rants sprinkled with a few don't-drink-and-drive public service announcements."

Well you might be right, but if you are, it's your fault. That's right, I said it! You are the reason I'm not full of stuff that interests you.

You need to become a unit public affairs representative. It's the best way to fill me up with stuff you want to read about. It gets you some recognition in the process. Your commander needs you to let folks know what your unit is up to, and who better to tell the story than, well, you?

What's with the wrinkled face? Oh, I know ... you're thinking there's no way you are going to be a UPAR. I can already think of the top three reasons you don't want to be a UPAR.

The excuse I hear most often is, "I'm too busy to go around playing reporter; I don't have time to write stories for the paper."

People also say things like, "I'm not the writing type. I'm much better at wielding a rifle/wrench/spatula than a pen. The only thing I know about photography is if you press a button a picture comes out of the Polaroid Instamatic."

And then, there's the old excuse, "I'm just a (insert boring job here). Nobody cares about

what we do anyway." I've heard them all. But, read on ... I'll tell you why those excuses don't hold any water. Maybe the next time you pick me up, it won't be to help numb yourself while waiting in dental for a root canal.

So about your first counter-argument — your time. You're busy, I know. Isn't everyone? Too often, people think that being a UPAR takes a lot of extra work. The beauty of the UPAR program is that it does not take a lot of time from your schedule. The secret is to just document whatever you're already doing, and tell PA about it. All you've got to do is keep me in mind while doing whatever it is you do.

"Our office does not always hear about all of the great programs and events going on around D-M," said Senior Airman Brandy Dupper-Macy, editor of the Desert Airman. "That's where the UPAR program really comes into play. Effective UPARs come to us prior to those events and keep us in the know."

If you've got the time to go to work, you've got the makings of a potential story. Let's move on to the second counter-argument. You might be thinking that even if you have the time, you're just not good at writing. You're not alone. Many people don't like to write for fear of their work being judged. Here's secret number two: You don't have to be a good writer. PA can turn your story into literary gold — and you get the credit!

As the Desert Airman editor, Airman Dupper-Macy knows how to get people to contribute.

"When we tell people their name will be in the paper they suddenly become interested," Airman Dupper-Macy said. "I have no problem giving someone a byline in the Desert Airman if they've earned it."

The byline is that little line of text that tells a reader who wrote the story.

Besides the text in a story, photographs help readers visualize what you're talking about. Don't worry if you're not a naturally-born shutterbug. Your PA office works with photogra-

phers and has camera equipment. Just tell them about your story idea, and help them get access to you or your unit. They'll get all the photos they need for a great story. Or, if you happen to already have a photo that complements your idea, share it with PA. That way, you'll get a byline and a photo credit.

The third most common argument for not becoming a UPAR is that you think folks don't care about what you do. You think just because you're not a Navy SEAL or an Air Force pilot that no one's going to bother reading about your job. This couldn't be further from the truth.

There are lots of people out there who share the same interests you do, and if they don't, then that's all the more reason to write the story! Do you work in finance? You could try writing about military pay. (Who isn't interested in their paychecks?) Or, maybe you're the unit drug-testing official. (Urinalysis testing? C'mon ... that story writes itself.) The real point is that people may care if you bother to tell them what to care about. But one thing is for sure: if you don't tell them, they won't.

Some units don't realize this, and blame PA for their lack of recognition. Airman Dupper-Macy remembers being blamed for the public's lack of interest in a unit or activity. When Davis-Monthan personnel blame PA, Airman Dupper-Macy turns the tables on them.

"I usually tell them the truth, 'Sir/Ma'am, we [PA] didn't know about your event, and no one from your unit told us about it. Why don't we look into doing a story?'"

That's her way of telling the individual the same thing I'm telling you: If you want people to care; if you want me filled with stories you really want to read, you need to become a UPAR.

Call the public affairs office first thing in the morning at 228-3091. Tell them you want some help writing a story that will be worthy of printing. I look forward to seeing your name in my pages.

Final Answer

What facility on base do you like to use the most?



Michael Russo
355th Services
Squadron

"I really enjoy using The Mirage Officers' Club. My family and I try to attend all of the special holiday brunches offered through the club. Now that the club is being remodeled I'm sure my experiences will be even better."



**Senior Airman
Brad Peterson**
25th Operational
Weather Squadron

"I like the community center on Davis-Monthan because it has free Internet, television, a cafe and lots of other things."



**Staff Sgt.
Rogelio Gutierrez**
755th Aircraft
Maintenance Squadron

"I like the Blanchard Golf Course because I am an avid golfer."



**Master Sgt.
John Kelley**
332nd Expeditionary
Security Forces Squadron, deployed to
Southwest Asia

"I like to use the pool the most because my daughter, Jeri, enjoys swimming and loves jumping off the diving board. I can't wait to get back to D-M to take her to the pool."



**Staff Sgt.
Melida Castano**
355th Medical
Support Squadron

"I like the Commissary because it is very cost effective. You can get more for less money than you can downtown."



Gabriele Church
355th Services
Squadron

"I like the Desert Lightning Community Center. The people that work there always make you feel welcome, there are so many different things to do and the facility is so nice and wonderfully decorated."



Courtesy photo

Members of the Boy Scouts of America Troop 784 participate in their Spring Court of Honor at the Hope Chapel. Troop members, their families and representatives from the D-M Top 3 and the local BSA Catalina Council attended the event.

Scouting around for fun

The Boy Scouts of America Troop 784 meets at 7 p.m. each Monday in the Hope Chapel. Boys ages 11 to 17 years, parents and adults from the D-M community are encouraged to check out this "scout-run" troop. The troop is involved in helping scouts work towards personal achievement as Eagle scout through rank and merit badge experience, community service, leadership, teamwork, discipline and outdoor High Adventure camping and hiking. For more information, call Scoutmaster Mike Dremel at 481-6593 or e-mail mjdremel@cox.net.

Family members receive more than \$22,000 in scholarships

Congratulations to the following individuals from the military community who received scholarships from the Davis-Monthan Officers' Spouses' Club, Enlisted Spouses' Association and First Command Financial Planning:

\$1,000 Scholarship winners

- ◆ Andrea Anderson, daughter of retired Tech. Sgt. Debra Candelaria;
- ◆ Lauren Berlanga, daughter of Yvonne and Tech. Sgt. Darren Shevchuk;
- ◆ Tiffany Hosten, daughter of Robert Hosten and Master Sgt. Lucea Leach;
- ◆ Kristina Hubbard, spouse of Lt. Col. Darrell Hubbard;
- ◆ Robert Mayer, son of Maureen and Col. David Mayer
- ◆ Zachary Sanchez, son of Darla and Master Sgt. Phillip Sanchez;
- ◆ Sarah Schwarting, daughter of Marian and Chief Master Sgt. Ronald Schwarting;
- ◆ Christopher Sproul, son of

Betty and Lt. Col. Merrill Sproul;
 ◆ Jacob Thelen, son of Michele and retired Capt. Daniel Thelen; and
 ◆ Annette Wall, spouse of Staff Sgt. Pernell Wall

\$1,500 Scholarship winners

- ◆ Megan Lamb, daughter of J.J. and retired U.S. Army Capt. Kenneth Lamb; and
- ◆ Eneida Orci-Lennan, spouse of Tech. Sgt. Michael Lennan

\$2,000 Scholarship winners

- ◆ Amy Adamcin, daughter of Julie and retired U.S. Navy Cmdr. Peter Adamcin; and
- ◆ Darren Scott, son of Cindy and Col. Wayne Scott

\$2,500 Scholarship winner

- ◆ Lauren Dickman, daughter of Anita and Col. Steven Dickman

\$3,000 Scholarship winner

- ◆ Sarah Nelson, daughter of Kim and Maj. Robert Nelson



Sonoran Spotlight

(Editor's note: Sonoran Spotlight is a weekly feature of the Desert Airman that profiles a member — officer, enlisted or civilian — of Davis-Monthan Air Force Base.)

This week's Sonoran Spotlight is Senior Airman Jason Kneier of the 43rd Electronic Combat Squadron. Airman Kneier is an evaluator airborne maintenance technician. According to his first sergeant, Senior Master Sgt. Ronald Mansfield, Airman Kneier was nominated for the award because he, "is the Air Force outstanding active-duty information operations Airman of the year. He is also the 55th Wing (Offutt Air Force Base, Neb.) Airman of the Quarter for the first quarter of 2005 and the Davis-Monthan Airman of the Quarter for the first quarter of 2005. This means he is the 'Airman of the Quarter' at two bases at the same time. That does not happen very often."

The following are Airman Kneier's responses to a variety of questions.

What are your main job responsibilities:

I am the evaluator and crew position coordinator for all AMTs in the squadron.

If you were an Air Force recruiter, what would you tell people about the Air Force? I would tell them, "You get back what you put in."

What are your most memorable moments in the Air Force? All the



Photo by Airman 1st Class Clark Staehle

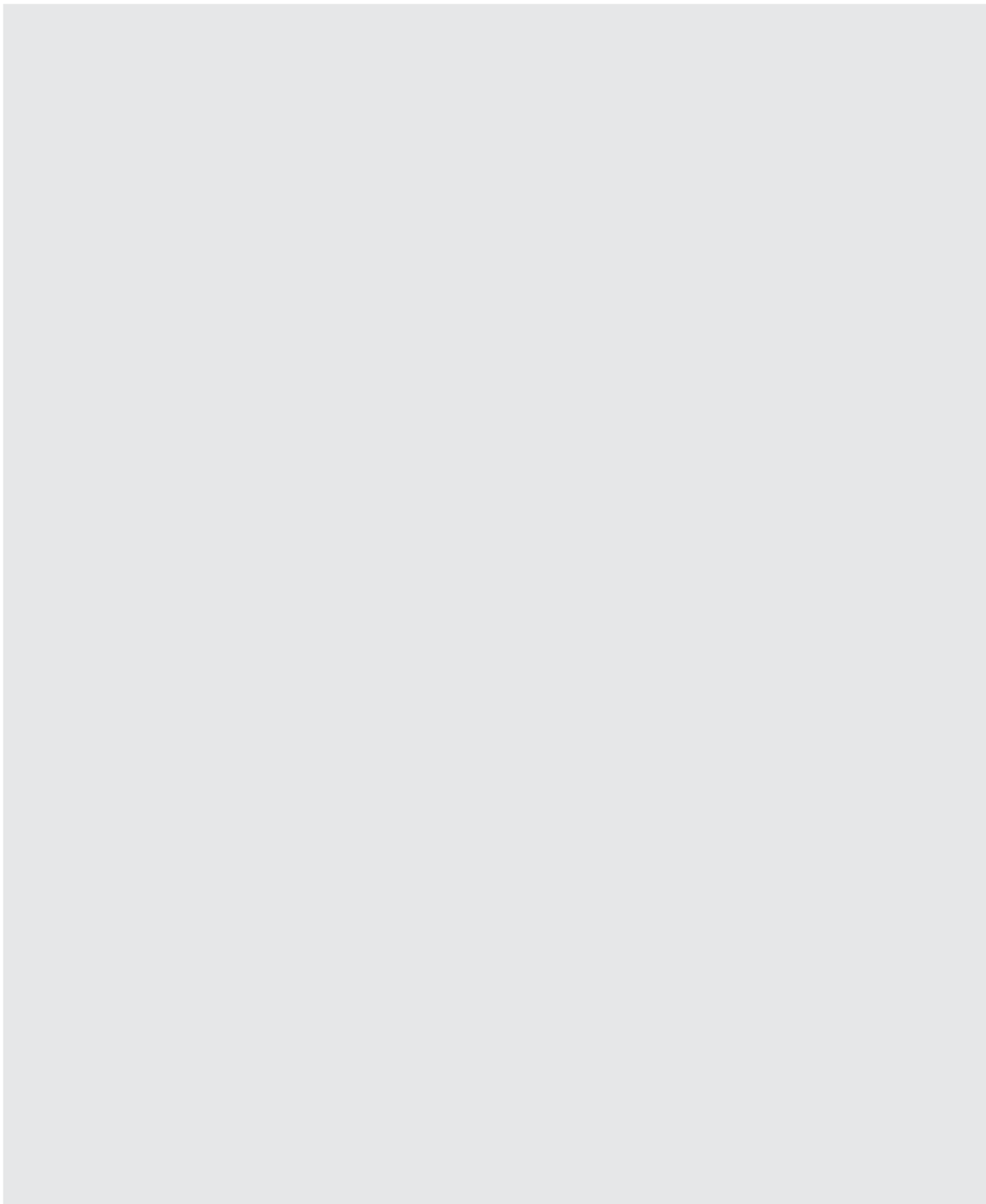
adventures and fun flying with my crew in Iraq last year make up my most memorable moments in the Air Force.

Name someone who inspires you (or who you admire): I admire Master Sgt. Troy Sports and Master Sgt. Rob Haas — they keep me in line and point me in the right direction.

Congrats CDC 90s club

Congratulations to the following Airmen who scored 90 or higher on their recent Career Development Course exam.

25th Operational Weather Squadron: Staff Sgt. Toby Critchfield and Tech. Sgt. Jeffrey Wheelis; **355th Aerospace Medical Squadron:** Staff Sgt. Anthony Mettler; **355th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron:** Staff Sgt. Taqueela Berry, Airman 1st Class Scott Burcal, Airman 1st Class Brian Johnson, Airman Justin Raddatz, Airman 1st Class Cory Reeves, Airman 1st Class Robert Schaub and Staff Sgt. Demencio Solorzano; **355th Civil Engineer Squadron:** Airman 1st Class Veryl Krosschell and Staff Sgt. Dustin Sanford; **355th Component Maintenance Squadron:** Senior Airman Anthony Ta; **355th Dental Squadron:** Airman 1st Class Heather Bartoe; **355th Logistics Readiness Squadron:** Airman Johran Woods; **355th Security Forces Squadron:** Staff Sgt. Alishia Butler; **355th Services Squadron:** Airman 1st Class Nicolas Paulino; **563rd Maintenance Squadron:** Airman 1st Class Andrew Post; **612th Air Intelligence Squadron:** Airman 1st Class Christopher Hope and **612th Air Communications Squadron:** Airman Troy Sergeant.



Airmen from Davis-Monthan Air Force Base participate in the Ready to Deploy training class to help Airmen prepare for their upcoming deployments.



Photos by Airman 1st Class Christina Ponte

R2D2 prepares D-M Airmen for deployment

By Airman 1st Class Clark Staehle
355th Wing Public Affairs

"Sweat more during training, bleed less in war' is our motto and really drives home the point people fight the way they train," said Kevin Johnson, trainer with the 355th Security Forces Squadron of the new Ready to Deploy training. "Everyone coming to this course will get good information and learn some tactics that might save their life, provided they put some effort into it."

"The purpose is to enhance core ground-combat skills, survive-to-operate techniques and weapons handling for all Airmen," said Staff Sergeant Jacqueline Faulk, Ready to Deploy trainer with the 355th Security Forces Squadron.

"Our training teaches students the ability to survive to operate in a combat zone," Sergeant Faulk said. "Lessons learned during (Operations Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom) stress a need for this training. It also allows students to get used to wearing their personal protective equipment for long periods of time."

Air Combat Command recently made this training mandatory.

"ACC has mandated all Airmen must attend prior to deploying to hostile locations in the (area of

responsibility)," Mr. Johnson said. "It is good to give Airmen basic information on how to survive or refresh skills that often deteriorate. Some (Air Force specialty codes) are exempt because they attend a much longer off-station course."

The training is comprehensive and covers many subjects.

"Our training consists of two days," Sergeant Faulk said. "Day one starts with classroom instruction on the following subjects: (the Laws of Armed Conflict), weapons handling/immediate action drills, (explosive ordnance disposal) and integrated base defense."

Students are also taught rifle fighting techniques, individual movement techniques, team movement techniques, challenging procedures, convoy procedures and reaction to direct and indirect fire.

"We have troops in harm's way who are continuously tasked outside of their primary AFSCs and have to pull security duties," Sergeant Faulk said. "The Air Force is spread thin and we can not keep the mindset that base security is the job of security forces only. The fact now is in the Air Force, every Airman (officer and enlisted) is a sensor. Our goal is to teach our D-M Airmen skills needed in the (area of responsibility) so that they may return to us safely."



(Above) Senior Airman John Henson, 563rd Maintenance Squadron, searches for simulated Unexploded Ordnances at "Roadrunner City," a local exercise area here, as part of the Wing Ready to Deploy training class. The training is an initiative to better prepare Airmen for deployment and a day-to-day life in a contingency theater of operations.



(Left) Tech. Sgt. Jeremy Huggins, a heating, ventilation and air conditioning journeyman with the 355th Civil Engineer Squadron, installs a circuit breaker for an air-conditioning unit in a simulated deployed environment.

Blossom effect

Prior planning can help individuals avoid disaster

By Chaplain (Capt.) Matthew Boarts
355th Wing chapel

Most pilots are familiar with a phenomenon known as the blossom effect. When two aircraft are flying toward one another, each will appear to be a motionless speck to the other. They remain motionless specks until they are very close together, when they suddenly grow very large in the windscreen, almost as if they blossomed in size. By that point it may be too late to take evasive action. Action needs to happen before the situation appears urgent.

The blossom effect happens in many life events. Permanent changes of station may look very far away until it is suddenly upon us. Retirement may look very far away until it suddenly looms large on the horizon. The day the kids leave the house may seem an eternity away. Even the end of life may seem a motionless speck, nothing to worry about, until it is suddenly upon us.

We need to take action well before these big changes. We need to realize everything comes to an end before the urgency of the end is near. The PCS that seems so far away will suddenly loom large and consume all of our time. We should make the most of every day we have



during an assignment. Many retirees mention that retirement was upon them before they realized it: we need to make the most of our careers all along the way.

This also holds true at home. That baby, the toddler, the teenager all will be leaving home one day. Parents have a limited time and sphere of influence, we need to make it count while we have the opportunity.

And all lives come to an end. We must number our days in wisdom and not waste too many in meaningless wasted time.

The trick is to act with the end in mind all the time. Nothing is permanent. But it sure can seem permanent almost right up to the moment it

changes. With the realization that the things we have today are temporary treasures, we can more deeply value all that is around us. When the end of something arrives, it usually does so quickly and with relatively little warning.

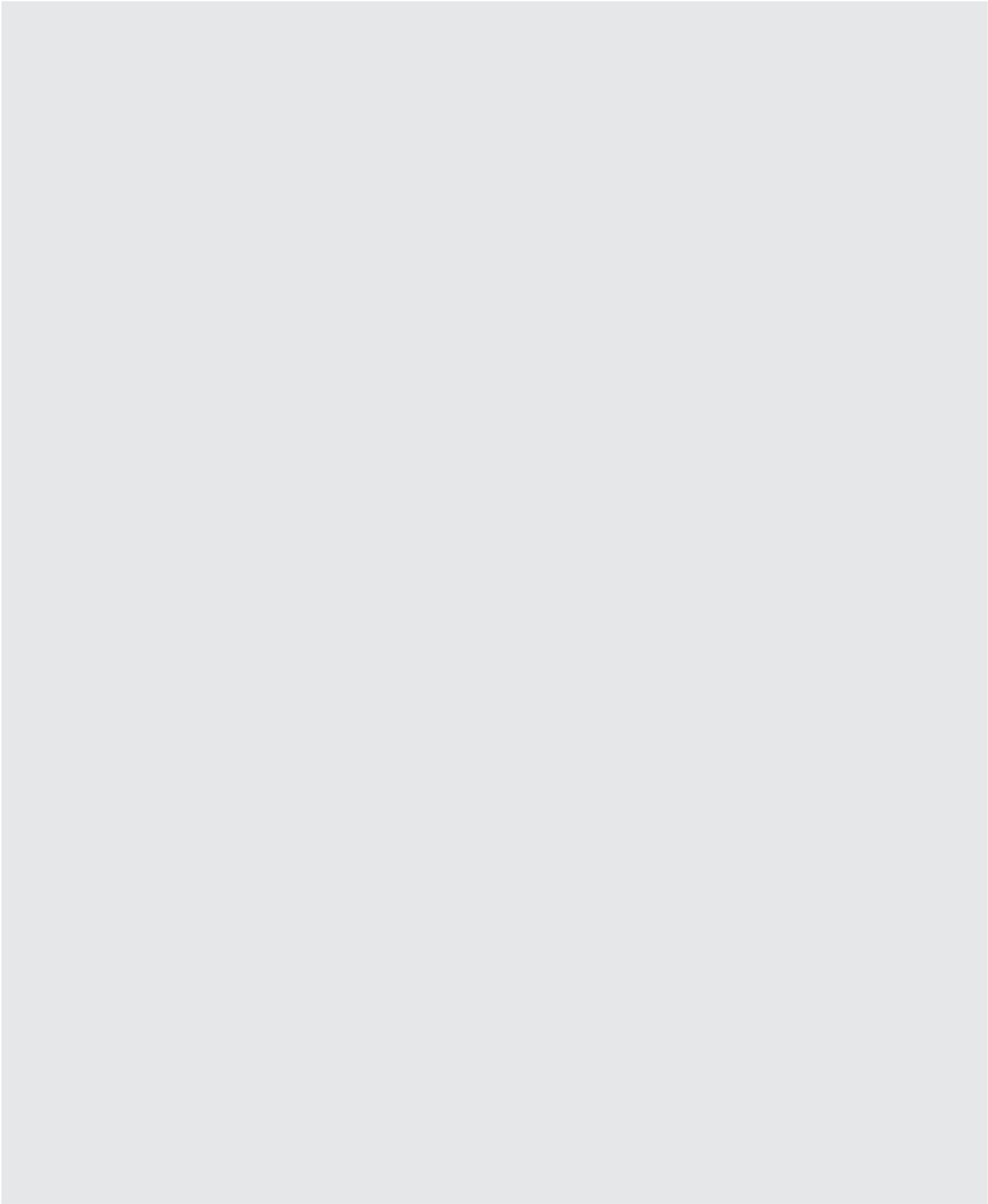
Being alert and anticipating changes will keep us from being surprised. We will gain more from every day. The blossom effect will still surprise us as events suddenly fill our windscreen. But we will be prepared!

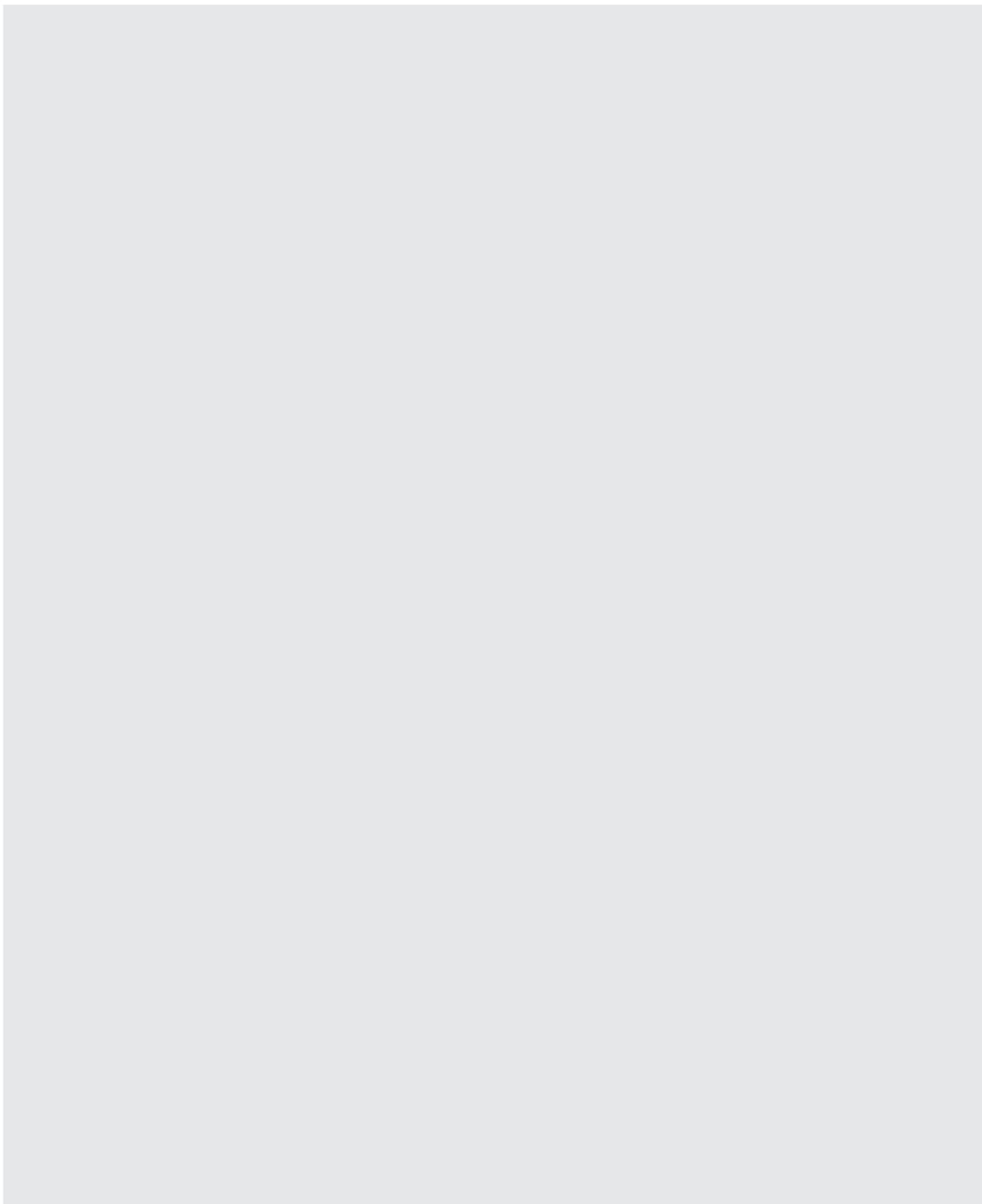
As I write this my own PCS has blossomed suddenly before me. My time at Davis-Monthan has quickly become short. This has been a wonderful challenge and we leave with sadness. A month ago the PCS seemed very far off, but in the last few weeks it has become quite urgent, demanding much time and attention as I prepare to depart.

There are, as always, things I wish I had done. Tucson is a lively community, get out there and enjoy it while you have time. Our community will have several transitions this summer: PCS, changes of command, retirements and more.

Let each of these transitions remind you to live each day to the fullest.

My prayers shall remain with the Davis-Monthan community. Peace!







Photos by Stephanie Ritter

(Above) Julia (left) and Rachel Gonzalez, daughters of Mary and Staff Sgt. Omar Gonzalez, 355th Logistics Readiness Squadron, show off their ability to jump into the base Outdoor Recreational Pool.

(Right) Individuals enjoy some time in the sun at Davis-Monthan's Outdoor Recreational Pool, which opened April 30 for the summer season. The pool includes a water slide, diving board, children's pool and more.



Fitness Center Classes

The following are classes offered at the Fitness and Sports Center and Haeffner Fitness Center. When applicable, class fees are listed. (* See instructor for fee information.) For more information regarding the classes, call 228-0021.

Monday

6 to 6:30 a.m. - Abdominal Class - Fitness Center
 9 to 10 a.m. - Medium Intensity Water - FC
 11 a.m. to noon - Pilates - \$2 - FC
 11 a.m. to noon - Step Aerobics - Haeffner
 Noon to 1 p.m. - Step and Sculpting - Haeffner
 5 to 5:50 p.m. - Dang Soo Do (8-14 yr olds, white and yellow belts) - FC *
 5 to 6 p.m. - Step Aerobics - Haeffner
 6 to 6:50 p.m. - Dang Soo Do (8-14 yr olds, orange belts and up) - FC *
 6 to 7 p.m. - Yoga - \$2 - Haeffner
 7 to 8 p.m. - Dang Soo Do (15 years plus) - FC*

Tuesday

8 to 8:45 a.m. - High Intensity Water - FC
 Noon to 1 p.m. - Circuit Training - Haeffner
 5 to 6 p.m. - Spinning (Intense) - \$2 - Haeffner
 5 to 6 p.m. - Step Aerobics - \$2 - FC
 6 to 7 p.m. - Pilates - \$2 - Haeffner
 6 to 8 p.m. - Self Defense (Kyokushin) - \$25/month - FC

Wednesday

6 to 6:30 a.m. - Abdominal Class - Haeffner
 9 to 10 a.m. - Medium Intensity Water - FC
 11 a.m. to noon - Pilates - \$2 - FC
 11 a.m. to noon - Step Aerobics - Haeffner
 5 to 5:50 p.m. - Dang Soo Do (8-14 yr olds, white and yellow belts) - FC *
 5 to 6 p.m. - Step Aerobics - Haeffner
 6 to 6:50 p.m. - Dang Soo Do (8-14 yr olds, orange belts and up) - FC *
 6 to 7 p.m. - Yoga - \$2 - Haeffner
 7 to 8 p.m. - Dang Soo Do (15 yrs plus) - FC *

Thursday

8 to 8:45 a.m. - High Intensity Water - FC
 Noon to 1 p.m. - Circuit Training - Haeffner
 5 to 6 p.m. - Step Aerobics - \$2 - FC
 5 to 6 p.m. - Spinning (Intense) - \$2 - Haeffner
 6 to 7 p.m. - Pilates - \$2 - Haeffner
 6 to 8 p.m. - Kyokushin - \$25/month - FC

Friday

6 to 6:30 a.m. - Abdominal Class - FC
 9 to 10 a.m. - Medium Intensity Water - FC
 11 a.m. to noon - Pilates - \$2 - FC
 11 a.m. to noon - Step Aerobics - Haeffner
 Noon to 1 p.m. - Step and Sculpting - Haeffner
 5 to 5:50 p.m. - Dang Soo Do (8 to 14 yrs, white and yellow belt) - FC *
 6 to 6:50 p.m. - Dang Soo Do (8 to 14 yrs, orange belts and up) - FC *
 7 to 8 p.m. - Dang Soo Do (15 yrs plus) - FC*

Saturday

10 to 11 a.m. - Step Aerobics - \$2 - FC

Sunday

10:30 to 11:30 a.m. - Step Aerobics - \$2 - FC
 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. - Toning Class - \$2 - FC

Fitness and Sports Center Pool

The indoor pool is open Monday through Friday from 5 a.m. to 8 p.m., Saturday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more information, call 228-0015.

Outdoor Recreational Pool

The Outdoor Recreational Pool is now open for the summer season. For more information regarding hours and cost, call 228-0015 or 228-3759.

Air Force swimming pools more family friendly in 2005

Parents of children age 10 and younger – and their teenage babysitters – should find the D-M outdoor pool more accessible this summer thanks to a policy waiver announced by the command's Services Directorate.

The change in policy allows people who are 16 years and older to supervise children under the age of 10 in base swimming pools, said Carole Barton, ACC Services marketing director. Prior to this change, children had to be supervised by someone who was at least 18 years old.

While the change is expected to make most of the military community happy, according to Ms. Barton there are some conditions to the waiver.

The conditions of the waiver are:

- ◆ The individual supervising the children may not be younger than 16 years of age.

- ◆ The individual may not supervise more than three children and only two can be under the age of six.

- ◆ The individual must have completed the American Red Cross Babysitting Training Course and have the certificate on file at the local pool.

- ◆ The individual must have written authorization from parents of the children to seek medical care for them if necessary, and must have a contact phone number for the parents.

The waiver process began when Brig. Gen. Eric Rosborg, the former commander of the 4th Fighter Wing at Seymour Johnson Air Force Base, N.C., noted that Air Force policy allowed 16-year-olds to work as lifeguards at base pools, but that those same people did not meet the direct supervision requirements simply because they were not 18 years of age.

"If an individual is old enough to work as a certified lifeguard," the general wrote in the waiver request, "he or she should be permitted to accompany children under the age of 10 and should be able to safely provide the direct supervision that is required."

The announcement regarding the change in policy came just in time for the summer opening of Davis-Monthan's Outdoor Recreational Pool.

The D-M Outdoor Recreational Pool opened for the summer April 30, said Jody Evans, 355th Services Squadron chief of Community Support flight. The pool is open to anyone with a military ID and their guests.

Hours of operation during the summer season for recreational swim and open swim are Monday from noon to 5 p.m., Tuesday through Friday from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Adult and family swim are Monday through Thursday from 5 to 8 p.m. The hours for lap-swim time are Monday through Friday from 8 to 11 a.m. Daily fees are \$1.50 for adults, \$1 for children over the age of 2 years and \$3 for Davis-Monthan guests. There is no fee for children under 2 years or for lap swim.

In addition, the cost of season passes at D-M have changed and are now determined by rank. Summer season passes are good from now until Aug. 31. Family passes for E-1 to E-4, GS-1 to GS-3 and NF-1 are \$20; for O-1 to O-2, E-5 to E-7, GS-4 to GS-8 and NF-2 to NF-3 are \$50; O-3 to O-5, E-8 to E-9; GS-9 to GS-11 and NF-4 are \$65; and O-6 and up, GS-12 and up and NF-5 and up are \$75. An individual pass is now \$20 and there is no cost for dorm residents. Dorm residents can receive a pass from their first sergeant after Wednesday.

Those who already paid the higher fee and are eligible for a lower priced pass may contact Connie Knoob at 228-3736 or visit Outdoor Recreation in Building 4430 after 8:30 a.m. Monday for a refund. All refunds must be made at ODR. Those who purchased a pass for less than the current prices are not obligated to pay the difference.

(Information courtesy Air Combat Command Public Affairs.)

Sports Shorts

Services Expo

In honor of May Fitness Month, the 355th Services Squadron will host a Fitness Services Expo at the Sports and Fitness Center today from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. There will be a variety of demonstrations and fitness activities throughout the day. In addition, local and national sponsors will be on hand to answer health questions and provide product samples. There will also be fitness demonstrations and a special demo by the Health and Wellness Center's Boot Camp director. Prizes will be awarded throughout the day. For more information regarding this event, call 228-0022.

Cardboard Boat Race

The 2005 Cardboard Boat Race to kick off the 101 Critical Days of Summer will be held today during the Fitness Services Expo at the D-M Fitness and Sports Center Pool. Registration begins at 8 a.m. and at 8:30 a.m. the registered teams receive their supplies and will begin to build their boats. At 9:30 a.m., teams will present their boat to be

entered into the race and at 10 a.m., the race will begin. The basic rules of the event are that the boats are required to look like a boat and the sides must be 12 inches or higher. In addition, each team must have four members; a Skipper, First Mate and two Deck Hands. All supplies for the race will be provided by the Desert Lightning Community Center and 355th Wing Safety Office. For more information, call the Community Center at 228-3717. The D-M community is invited to come watch the event.

Aerobathon

In honor of the May Fitness Month, the Haeffner Fitness Center will host an Aerobathon Saturday from 8 a.m. to noon. For more information, call 228-0022.

America's Kids Run

The Community Center and Youth Programs will present the 2nd Annual Kids Run Saturday from 7 to 8 a.m. Those who are interested in participating in the event should show up early at the track outside the Fitness and Sports Center to register or visit www.americaskidsrun.org.

Sidewinders tickets

The entire Davis-Monthan community is invited to attend a Sidewinder's Baseball game Sunday at 6 p.m. at Tucson Electric Park. With a military ID, individuals can get tickets for up to five people for \$1 per person. Attendees can also take advantage of \$1 hot dogs. For more information, visit www.tucsonsidewinders.com.

Cochise Stronghold hike

Cochise Stronghold is located in Arizona's Dragoon Mountains. This six-mile hike through woodland areas is May 28. The cost of \$15 includes transportation and a guide. Those interested should sign up by May 26. For more information, call 228-3736.

Hook Up 2 Bowling

The D-M Lanes is taking sign ups for the new Hook Up 2 Bowling program, a new player development program designed to help make learning the game simpler, fun and affordable. Classes are scheduled to begin June 1. The cost is \$99 for adults and \$69 for youth and includes eight hours instruction and on-the lanes lessons. Everyone who

completes the program will receive a free towel, bowling ball and bag. For more information call 228-3461.

Intramurals

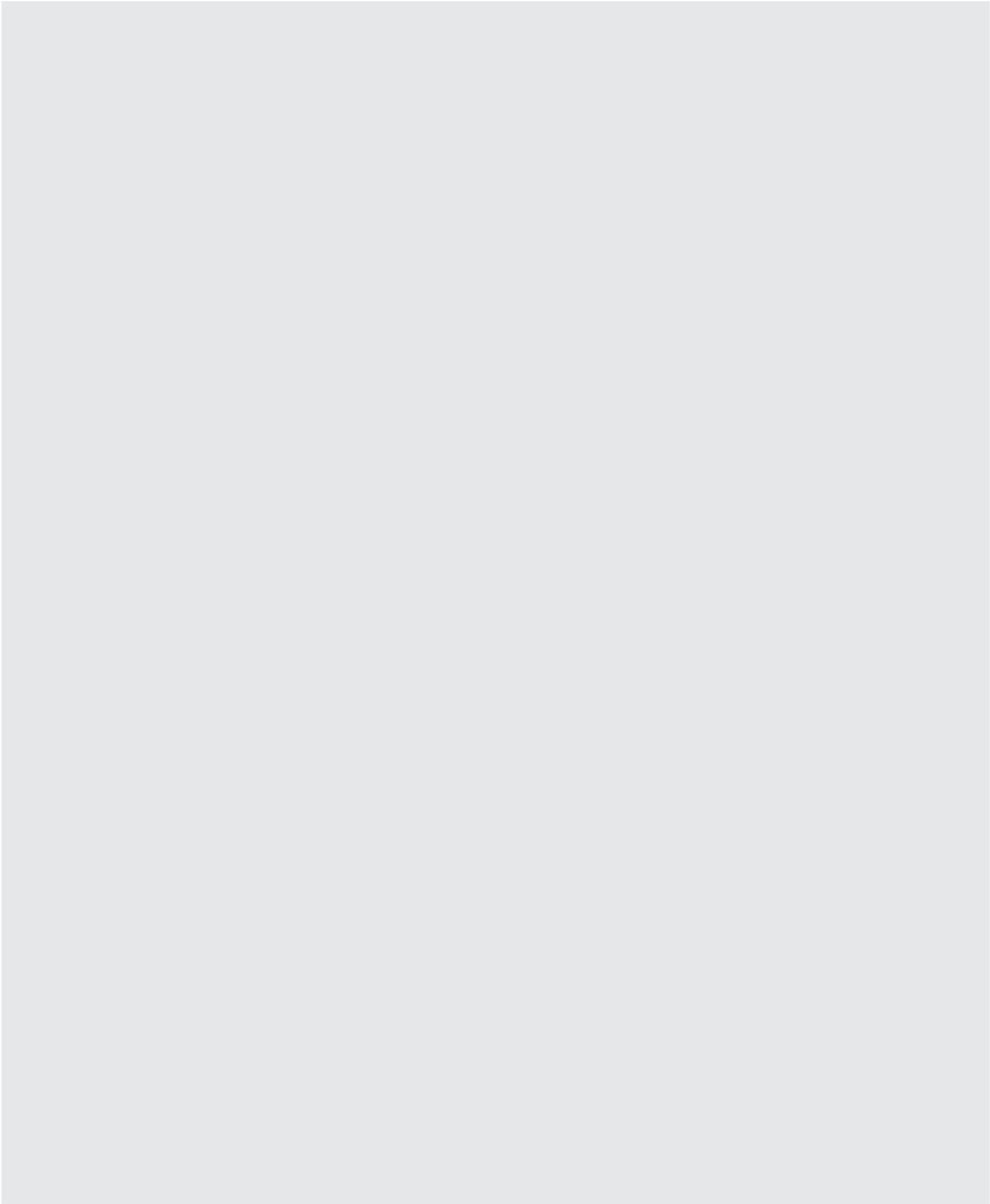
The following scores are provided by the Fitness and Sports Center and are current as of Monday. For more information, call 228-0021.

Monday/Wednesday

Team	W-L-T
SFS	7-1-0
12 AF 1	7-1-0
CES	5-1-0
EMS	5-3-0
LRS	3-3-0
CS	3-3-0
25 OWS	3-4-0
AMARC	2-4-0
CONS	2-5-0
MDG	1-4-0
563 RQS	1-5-0
355 OSS	0-0-0
CMS 2	0-5-0

Tuesday/Thursday

Team	W-L-T
355 AMXS	5-0-0
CMS 1	4-1-0
755 AMXS	3-2-0
755 OSS	2-2-0
DECA	2-2-0
12 AF 2	2-2-0
563 MXS	1-3-0
Chiefs	1-3-0
WOMEN'S	0-5-0



Chapel Information

Services and activities offered by the D-M chapels are listed below. For more information on Jewish or Muslim services; Sunday School programs; Vacation Bible School; Bible studies; youth groups; and ministries, call 228-5411.

Catholic Mass schedule

Saturday: First Saturday Mass is the first Saturday of the month at 9 a.m. in Hope Chapel. The Mass will be followed by a breakfast fellowship. For more information, call Jeff Morgan at 574-2567.

Mass is at 5 p.m., Sacrament of Reconciliation is at 4:30 p.m. at Desert Dove Chapel.

Sunday: Mass is at 7:30 and 10 a.m., Sacrament of Reconciliation is at 9:15 a.m. at Desert Dove Chapel.

Protestant Services schedule

Sunday: Contemporary Service is at 9:45 a.m. and Gospel Service is at 11:15 a.m. at Hope Chapel. Traditional Service is also at 11:15 a.m. but at Desert Dove Chapel.

Prayer Wall

The Base Chapel offers a Prayer Wall in the Desert Dove Chapel, which displays pictures and names of deployed Airmen. Those who wish to pray for deployed Airmen are invited to stop by the Desert Dove Chapel. Those who would like to submit a name or a picture for the Prayer Wall can contact Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Timothy Sturgill at 228-5411 or send an e-mail to timothy.sturgill@dm.af.mil.

Education Services

Club scholarship opportunity

Air Force Club members and their families are eligible to apply for six college scholarships ranging from \$2,500 up to \$6,000. Applicants must submit an essay of 500 words or less on the topic, "My Hero and Why" and a one-page summary of their long-term career and life goals and past accomplishments. All entries are due to the base's services squadron commander or division chief by July 15. Contact the local Services unit or visit <http://www-p.afsv.af.mil/Clubs/Scholarship.htm> for more information.

Troops to Teachers

The Clark County School District in Las Vegas, Nev., is eager to identify eligible Troops to Teachers applicants who have the desire and the heart to work with kindergarten through 12th grade students. Applicants must become certified/licensed. The district has special needs in the areas of science, special education, bilingual education and math, but is seeking prospective teachers in all areas. Applicants may qualify to receive financial assistance in the form of a stipend of up to \$5,000 to help defray teacher certification expenses or a bonus of \$10,000 to accept employment for three years in a high-needs school. For more information, contact Mountain West Troops to Teachers at <http://www.mwttt.com/> or call Wayne Rees at 1-800-438-6851.

University of Phoenix advisor

A representative from the University of

Phoenix will be available Tuesday from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. in Building 3200, Room 243. Appointments and walk-ins are welcome. For more information, call Liz Cummins at 239-5252.

BTES closure

The Base Training and Education Services office will be closed Thursday through May 30. For more information, call Phil King at 228-3812.

Free University of Phoenix application

For every student who enrolls and begins classes in May, University of Phoenix will waive the \$110 application fee and the material or resource fees for the first three classes. This is a savings of about \$300 in up-front costs. For more information, call Liz Cummins 239-5252 or send an e-mail to liz.cummins@phoenix.edu.

Family Support Center

Veteran's Affairs Claims Brief

A Veteran's Affairs representative will provide group appointments concerning veterans and disability benefits Monday at 1 p.m. in Building 3200, Room 243. For more information, call 228-5690.

Pre-separation Counseling

This class will take place at the Family Support Center Tuesday from 9 to 10 a.m. It is mandatory for Airmen who are separating or retiring and will acquaint them with services and agencies available to help transition to the civilian workforce. Class size is limited to 20 attendees and should be scheduled no later than 90 days before separating. To sign up, call 228-5690.

Right Start Base Orientation

Right Start Base Orientation is designed to welcome all newcomers to Davis-Monthan and the Tucson area. Leadership and base agencies discuss a variety of programs and services available. The next orientation is Tuesday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at The Desert Oasis Enlisted Club. Medical Right Start is from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Free childcare is available but must be arranged ahead of time. For more information, call 228-5690.

Time For Tots

The next Time for Tots will be held Wednesday and June 1 from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. at the Desert Dove Chapel. Come and meet other parents while the children enjoy fun and activities. For more information, call 228-5690.

Hearts Apart Day at the zoo

If your spouse is deployed, then call the Family Support Center and sign up for a Day at Reid Park Zoo. Those who sign up for the event and who are registered with the Hearts Apart group should meet at the entrance of the zoo May 28 no later than 10 a.m. so the Family Support Center can provide admittance. Reservations are required no later than May 27. To sign up, call 228-5690.

Discovery Resources Center

The Davis-Monthan community is reminded that the Family Support Center has a Discovery

Resources Center packed with information. They also have information on family matters, job hunting and access to local community resources. Stop by to check out their new computers. In addition, they have a library with more than 350 books and tapes that can be checked-out. For more information, call 228-5690.

Happenings

Heartlink for spouses

All military spouses who would like to meet other spouses at D-M or who would like to learn more about the programs and services that are available to them and their family are invited to attend Heartlink Thursday from 8 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the Desert Dove Chapel. Information covered includes benefits and entitlements. The event will include games and a free lunch. Those who are interested in this event should contact the Family Support Center at 228-5690 to reserve a seat.

JROTC instructors needed

The Air Force is in need of Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps instructors as it is opening 48 new JROTC units in high schools in 21 states, with more to follow. The new units will be ready for cadets at the beginning of the 2005 to 2006 school year. To meet the expansion goal, the Air Force needs a total of 35 officers and 60 NCOs to serve in the new units. They are looking for Airmen who want to use the skills they learned and the education they received in the Air Force to prepare high school students to take their place as tomorrow's citizens. Retired Airmen interested in becoming Junior ROTC instructors must have retired from active duty within the last five years. In some cases, the five-year requirement may be waived up to 10 years, based on applicant qualifications and the needs of the program. Airmen on active duty may apply for positions when they are within six months of their retirement date. Officers must have a bachelor's degree or higher and NCOs must have a high school diploma or equivalent, but an associate's degree or better is desirable. In the future, all applicants will need to have at least an associate's degree. For more information regarding the program, call (866) 235-7862, extension 35275 or 35300 or DSN 493-5275 or 493-5300. Information is also available at www.afots.af.mil.

2005 Scorpion Football, Cheer season

The 2005 Scorpion Football and Cheer season is fast approaching. Those who are interested in participating can sign up any Saturday in May, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Palo Verde Park. Those who sign up by the end of May will receive a \$20 discount for tackle and cheer and a \$10 discount for flag. For more information, visit www.scorpions.tyfsf.com or contact Niki Swindle at 207-9013.

D-M Thrift Shop

The D-M Thrift Shop, located on Ironwood Street across from the bowling alley, is open Tuesday and Wednesday from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. with consignments closing at 1 p.m.



Photo by Chris Sweeney

FCC Provider of the Quarter

Paula Lindo, spouse of Tech. Sgt. Cecilio Lindo, 43rd Electronic Combat Squadron, was selected as Davis-Monthan's Family Child Care Provider of the Quarter.

Ms. Lindo started her own child care business in November of 2004 through the base FCC Center. All of her monthly inspections by the FCC office have been rated at 99 percent or better.

Ms. Lindo said she enjoys being able to care for children in her home on base while helping supplement her family's income.

Members of the D-M community are invited to also become certified FCC providers. All FCC providers care for children of all ages;

(From left to right) Ashlan Lindo and her mother, Paula Lindo, work with Gunnar and Jett Dooley, sons of Cortney and Staff Sgt. Elizabeth Dooley, 355th Equipment Maintenance Squadron, on an arts and craft project.

however, there is currently a special need for more infant and toddler providers. There is little or no cost involved and providers receive all of the guidance, support, training and information needed to be successful. Air Force guidelines define FCC as 10 hours or more of care, weekly or on a regular basis in government quarters. A FCC home has no more than six children under the age of 8 years at one time, including the provider's own children. All homes are inspected monthly, are insured and meet DoD requirements for child care.

Information on becoming an FCC Provider is available at the FCC office in Building 700, located in Kachina Village. For more information, stop by or call them at 228-2201.

Services Activities

Information for the Services Activities section courtesy of Chris Sweeney, 355th Services Squadron. For questions regarding this information, contact Mr. Sweeney at 228-7352.

4-H engineering in-action workshops

Preteens and teens can experience and learn the engineering technology on how to build bottle rockets, Delta Dart airplanes, mousetrap racers and balsa wood bridges. The wood bridges are for teens only. Models will be built on each topic with the opportunity to make design changes and further explore each topic. The dates for the workshops are: bottle rockets on June 1, 2 and 7; Delta Dart planes on June 6 and 7; mousetrap racers on July 26, 27, 28 and 29; and bridges on Aug. 11. Each workshop is from 1 to 2:30 p.m. at the Youth Center. For more information, call 228-8844 or 228-8373.

Preschool Summer Camp

Parents can now sign up for the Davis-Monthan Preschool Summer Camp program at the D-M Child Development Center. Summer Camp sessions will be two weeks long and each will have a theme for the session. Parents can sign up for one or all of the sessions. Children will attend sessions Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 8:30 to 11 a.m. June 6 through 17 and June 20 through July 1. Fees are based

on total family income and range from \$27 to \$57 per session. There is a \$10 non-refundable registration fee for each session. This fee will be credited toward the tuition for the session. Children must have turned three years by Dec. 31 and must be completely potty trained. Parents need to bring shot records and a Leave and Earning Statement form to registration as well as an emergency contact person other than the parent. For more information, call 228-3336.

Summer Reading Program

This year's Summer Reading Program at the Base Library begins June 2 and continues until July 28. The goal of the program is to encourage Davis-Monthan children to spend a smarter summer reading. Registration begins Monday. For more information, visit www.dmlibrary.org or call 228-4381.

Disneyland, California Adventure Trip

There is a trip to Disneyland and California Adventure June 10 through 12. Guests will stay at the Castle Inn Hotel. The cost of \$200 includes transportation and hotel. Tickets are not included in the price but are available for purchase at Information, Tickets and Travel. One-day passes are \$45 for adults and \$38 for children. Two-day passes are \$90 for adults and \$74 for children. Those interested should sign up by May 6. For more information, call 228-3736.

Services Activities

Arts and Crafts Center	228-4385
Tues., Wed. and Fri. 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Thurs. 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.; Sat. noon to 4 p.m.	
Auto Skills Center	228-3614
Tues. - Fri. 8:30 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Sat. 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Closed Sun. and Mon.	
Blanchard Golf Course	228-3734
Daily, sunrise to sunset	
Bowling Center	228-3461
Mon. - Thurs., 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Fri. 8 a.m. to 11 p.m.; Sat. 9 a.m. to 11 p.m.	
Cabanas	747-3234
Mon. - Thurs. 10:30 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Fri. 10:30 a.m. to 10 p.m.; Sat. and Sun. 3 to 8 p.m. No deliveries between 2 and 4 p.m. Mon. - Fri.	
D-M Child Development Center	228-3336
Mon. - Fri. 6:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.	
Community Center	228-3717
Mon. - Thurs. 7 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Fri. 7 a.m. to 1 a.m.; Sat. noon to 1 a.m.; Sun. noon to 6 p.m.; Weekday before a holiday is 7 a.m. to 1 a.m.; Weekend day before a holiday is noon to 1 a.m.; Holidays noon to 6 p.m.	
Desert Inn Dining Facility	228-5501
Mon. - Fri. 5:15 to 7:45 a.m.; 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.; 3:30 to 6:30 p.m. and 11 p.m. to 1 a.m.; Sat., Sun. and holidays 6 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 4 to 6 p.m.	
Desert Oasis Barber Shop	748-8710
Mon. - Fri. 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Sat. 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.	
Desert Oasis Enlisted Club	228-3100
Cashier Tues. - Fri. 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Shockwave Lounge opens at 3 p.m. Wed. - Fri. Lunch Mon. - Fri. from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Caterer Tues. - Fri. by appointment only.	
Eagles Nest Restaurant	228-7066
Located at the Golf Course: Mon. - Fri. 6 a.m. to 3 p.m.; Sat. and Sun. 6 a.m. to 4 p.m.	
Family Child Care	228-2201
Mon. - Fri. 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.	
Finley Child Development Center	228-6463
Mon. - Fri. 6:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.	
Fitness and Sports Center	228-0022
Mon. - Thurs. open 24 hours; Fri. 5 a.m. to 11 p.m.; Sat. 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Sun., holidays, UTE days 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.	
Haefner Fitness Center	228-3714
Mon. - Fri. 5:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. Closed weekends, holidays and UTE days.	
Inn on Davis-Monthan	748-1500
Information, Tickets & Travel	228-3700
Mon. - Tues. 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Wed. 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Thurs. and Fri. 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Sat. 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.	
Library	228-4381
Mon. - Thurs. 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Fri. 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Sat. 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.	
Outdoor Recreation and Equipment Rental	228-3736
Mon. - Tues. and Thurs. - Fri. 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Wed. 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Sat. 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.	
Outdoor Recreational Pool	228-3759
Closed until May.	
Paintball Range	228-3736
Sat. and Sun. 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Call to book weekday hours.	
Stormy's Cyber Cafe	228-3717
Mon. - Fri. 7 a.m. to 2 p.m.	
The Mirage Officers' Club	228-3301
The Mirage will be closed for renovations until July. All lunch, cashier, catering and special evening dining has been moved to the Desert Oasis Enlisted Club. The Polly Bar will remain open during the construction project. Polly Bar opens at 4 p.m. Thurs. and Fri.	
The Mirage Barber Shop	748-8968
Mon. - Fri. 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.	
Veterinarian	228-3529
Subject to change: Mon. - Fri. 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.	
Youth Center	228-8844
Tues. - Fri. 5:30 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Sat. noon to 8 p.m.	